

Farewell Pr Hyveth Williams

In what was described as the most moving, blessed, inspiring week ever experienced at PAU. The Festival of Faith came to a conclusion on Saturday September 13, 2008. The week long event saw Dr Hyveth Williams expounding on the word of God in an amazing way to the church of God at PAU.

Pr William's final topic on Sabbath morning was 'Even So Come Lord Jesus'. After her sermon she extended an open invitation to the people and they walked up to the front to commit or rededicate their lives. For some it was a first time 'face to face' experience with the Saviour. Tears of joy could not be stopped as people imagined 'that day' and how they longed for that day.

Pr Williams left PAU church an imprint never to be forgotten. Even though she is gone, the challenge for us is still there. Let us all have hope, and serve our Lord faithfully, so that we will all meet in that place prepared for us.

*Pr Williams sent an email to Mrs Danijela Schubert and passed her regards to the students. She has arrived home safely.



Pr Hyveth Williams leaving PAU church - Good bye & God Bless

Prof. Dr. Aaron Lopa receives 'Officer of the Order of Logohu' (OL) award

By Vagi Vele

An eminent lecturer at the Pacific Adventist University is one of the recipients of this year's Independence Day Anniversary Honours List.

He is Professor Dr Aaron Lopa who is a senior lecturer in the School of Theology at PAU.

The government of PNG has recognised Dr Aaron Lopa's services to the Seventh Day Adventist Church as a pastor and teacher to the community in various capacities including as a member of the PNG Correctional Service Promotion Board.

With this respect he was awarded the Award of Officer of the Order of Logohu (OL).

The logohu award is an initiative of the PNG Government to recognise Papua New Guineans for their outstanding contribution to the country in various capacities. Nominations for the candidates are submitted by departmental heads, business houses, private and public sector, tertiary organisations and churches.

Into its third year of existence it has recognised a number of significant individuals.

Dr Lopa, who originally comes from Vuvulu Island, known as the Western Islands of Manus Province, has served PAU for a number of years. Dr Lopa did his primary education in Manus & Sepik Provinces and then moved on to Kabiufa Adventist school for his secondary education. He then went to Sonoma to do Diploma in Theology.

He worked for seven years before going to Philippine Union College at the end of 1975 to do his Bachelor of Arts in Theology and then completed his Masters at the end of

1979. His group was the first Papua New Guinea group that went to PUC in 1975.

On his return from the Philippines, Dr Lopa served as the Chaplain for the University of Papua New Guinea. In 1981 he moved to Sonoma college where he served in various capacities which included Dean of Men, Deputy Principal and the Head of Department of Theology, before moving to PAU in 1989.

From 1989 to June 1993 Dr Aaron Lopa was a lecturer at PAU. At the end of June 1993 he went to Andrews University in the United States to complete his doctorate. At the end of July 1996 he acquired his DMin which is his doctorate in Ministry.

Upon his return from Andrews University Professor/Dr Aaron Lopa started teaching in the second semester of 1996 and has been serving since then.



Professor Dr Aaron Lopa

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Changing My Attitude

By Melisa Bidmead

Attitudes can be extremely important, and can have a huge influence on our actions. When Adolf Hitler wanted to influence the political feelings within his country, he started by changing the attitudes in the schools and education centres of Germany. The outcome led to war and, eventually, his demise. Let's face it, all of us need help to change our attitudes in some way, shape or form. Our attitude can influence us in either a positive or negative way. When we feel negative about something, or about life, we tend to push these negative feelings onto those people who are closest to us. However, most times this can turn people away from us, rather than strengthen our friendship. Think about it – would you rather spend time with a person who was always complaining and moping? The same is true in a work situation. Those who always keep things inside of them, and outwardly display negative attitudes or an arrogant personality, are usually not those considered for promotions! Whether the problem is our attitude to work, schoolwork or to our superiors, there is still hope. If you have problems with any of the following, you may need some help to shift your attitude in a more positive direction:

- Feeling cynical about people's motives, or thinking that they are out to get you or use you for an ulterior motive.
- Feeling negative about your co-workers, superiors or lecturers.
- Feeling like life always lets you down.
- Wondering why you were born.
- Feeling arrogant or "superior" to others in some way or form.
- Feeling that doing a less than average job at work is perfectly okay.
- Feeling like people 'owe' you something.

Many times we tend to look at people we dislike for some reason, such as our superiors, and think that they are the one with the problem or the one who make our lives miserable. However, many times if we were to know what goes on behind the scenes, it is really our negative attitude that is 'tainting' or 'colouring' our view of that person. You can change your attitude by following and remembering some important guidelines:

- Most times people just want you to be

honest with them about your feelings, so that they can understand why things just aren't quite 'right' between you.

- Everyone has hurts and secret pains, so don't think you are the only one with problems. Sometimes it pays to share some of these with others that you trust.

- Look for good in all people. You can pull good out of any situation or person – Just look for the 'key' to open that door. The key may be their family, country, wants, emotions, needs etc.

- Lead by example – never forget where you have come from.

- Respect others. Nothing will be achieved by yelling and shouting when disagreeing with someone, other than make both of you feel worse.

- Support others. If you have got something that needs to be said, then say it to that person only, with a list of possible solutions in a one on one environment. Vicious gossip and backstabbing has the potential to ruin people's lives.

- Consider your work ethic as important. Be proud of things you achieve at work, and work towards improving your work performance. Success come easy to someone who really works hard and genuinely loves his/her job.

- Life is what YOU make of it, and the decisions you make and the thoughts you entertain in your mind NOW can influence you for the rest of your life.

- Life will always throw you some hard situations, but the most important thing is how we handle them. Some of the people we respect most are those who handle tough times with dignity and grace.

- Life is precious, and each moment we have been given is a wonderful opportunity to really make a difference around us.

- Life doesn't have to be an eternal misery. Take a look at the beautiful things around you in God's creation and stop to enjoy it.

- If you can't get over a problem, or continually dwell on negative thoughts, ask God to help guide your thoughts in a more positive direction. After all, He is always by your side, and is never far away!

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Apart from his vast educational background, he has travelled many places to preach the word of God.

These places included Australia, Cook Islands, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Tonga, New Zealand and almost all the provinces in PNG except Southern Highlands and Western Province.

When I asked how he felt about the award, he replied, "It is a very humbling experience. I do my work for the love of God and humanity. My real purpose is to serve mankind". I thank the Government and those who recognised my contribution to the community.

PAU together with the wider Adventist Community would like to CONGRATULATE Dr Aaron Lopa and wish him all the best as he continues to serve his Community, his Country, his Church and his God.

IN BRIEF

PNG Government and Business Leaders Summit 2008

This summit is taking shape and will be a huge boost for PAU and PNG. PAU is hosting this event in partnership with the POM Chamber of Commerce and the Investment Promotion Authority of PNG. While a few speakers are yet to be finalised, the following

speakers have been confirmed: Mr Kamit (Governor, Bank of PNG), Raj Kannan (Asian Development Bank, Sydney), Sashi Kumar (Microsoft, India), Rod Mitchell (Joint CEO, Nasfund). The agenda is:

- Vision for PNG
- Economic outlook of PNG – Risk and Opportunities
- Public Private Partnership (government initiative)
- Business Opportunities in PNG
- MNC Investment in Developing Countries
- Impediments to Progress in PNG
- Case Study: RD Tuna
- Next Steps in Developing Opportunities for PNG

New Poultry Building Dedicated



Mrs Karo Matainaho, Bursar, cutting the ribbon.

In a small but significant ceremony the Poultry Department opened and dedicated its new building last Thursday.

During the opening speech, Dr. Matainaho, who represented the PAU Administration, commended Mr. Fred Rongan for catching the vision of PAU to be self sustaining, as evident in the successful egg production rate per day. Dr Matainaho also admitted that “poultry is generating more income in terms of profitability over expenditure.”

Mr. Rongan has resurrected the PAU Poultry from threat of closure to a flourishing income generating industry for PAU. A softly spoken, but silent achiever with high work ethics, Mr. Rongan revealed that currently the poultry is producing 700 to 750 quality eggs a day compared to 80 eggs a day when he took over in 2003.

The dedication of the new poultry house was conducted by Pr. Kepsy Eledo. He encouraged Mr. Rongan and his workers to put God first and the poultry business will be successful. “When you walk in the gate of this poultry building and walk out, when you feed the layers and collect the eggs, always pray to God,” exhorted Pr. Eledo.

The ribbon was cut by the Bursar of PAU-Mrs. Matainaho, to signify the opening of the building. According to Mr. Rongan, this two room building will house around 2500 layers. Currently there are already 800 layers in the first room. The next room will be used as the brooding place for 1500 chicks that will arrive from New Zealand early next month.

Mr Rongan also revealed that the production of 700 to 750 eggs a day is still not sufficient to meet the demand in the market. “Boroko Food World” is ordering 300 dozen per week which we are not meeting. Thus, with the arrival of the new chicks and the 800 newly brooded layers, along with the 800 old ones, by the end of this year we will produce 3500 eggs a day. This will meet the market demand,” said a confident Mr. Rongan.

Mr. Rogan also thanked the PAU Administration, especially the Bursar, for supporting him by allocating funds for the construction of the building. He also thanked Mr. Wambeek, Director of Support Services and Mr. Botong for their help in the building process.¶

Motivational Speaker – School of Business

Mr Richard Maru, Managing Director of the National Development Bank presented a motivational talk to the School of Business on Thursday. His presentation outlined his career and the key principles that allowed him to become a key contributor to business in this country. He focused on the need of making God first in our lives, and gave many examples of how God led him through difficult situations. He also stressed the importance of good grades, the opportunities that exist for those who deliver quality work on time every time, and the need in PNG for quality graduates over the next few years. Thanks also to Lee Thomas for organising this presentation. ¶

Independence Poem

My “Name”

My ‘name’ equates evil
 My ‘name’ pronounces good
 Papua New Guinea is my name
 My ‘name’ ripples fear
 My ‘name’ inspires faith
 PNG is my name
 My ‘name’ spells poverty
 My ‘name’ declares wealth
 God Bless PNG
 God Bless My name

Written by Unia Api and
 Nellie Hamura – Oa. 15/9/08.
 33 years Independence Celebration

PAU Radio Station Launch Fundraising Brunch

FM 97.9 | Psalms 97.9

“For you Lord, are Most High over all the earth;
 You are exalted far above all Gods”

Date: Sunday 28th September 2008
 Time: 9am - 11.30am
 Venue: PAU Dining Hall
 Menu: Buffet

Tickets: K35 per head
 K200 per table (6 heads)
 Entertainment provided by PAU

Reflections from Festival of Faith

Actually, I was immersed under the fountain of the water of life as it was flowing from the Word of God through His anointed servant, Pr. H. Williams.

I have learned so much and deep inspirational words to encourage, challenge, re-energize and shape me to be what God wants me to be before He comes.

It was very prudent Word presented within personal testimonies and experiences which challenged me that if God can change this person, He can do that to me also.

Further, I understood that in order to be ready, I need to prepare my mind, be vigilant and let Jesus fill me completely. I was also blessed by the apostle Peter's experience, of when he walked on the water. He had great faith, not 'little faith', to walk towards Jesus, amidst criticisms by friends, until the Master, took hold of him.

I am glad that I have Jesus in my heart because I am invited and will be there for the wedding supper, of the lamb.

It was great to hear from the life testimony of an atheist who became a born again Christian. That is what God can do to us when we turn our outward direction to inward direction to God in faith----through grace. God will change our darkness into light, our hopelessness into hopefulness, our gloomy day into sunny and bright day, our evening into morning, our night into a day, our alienation to freedom. We are all Saved by Grace through Jesus Blood, and we all have a share of the kingdom of God and His Marriage Supper.....It is our choice to accept the free invitation and be there or to reject the invitation and miss out on being there. Amen.....to.....Amen.....

- *Rungi Dawere*



The journey with Pr Williams through the Festival week of Faith was really a big, big breakthrough for my life. I used to think and observe that Christianity was a religion but now I've realised that it's not. It's a lifestyle. It's an adventurous and exciting journey. We the so called Christians make it boring.

I think it's time we need to do away with man made standards and protocols and began to adapt and adjust ourselves to what God is trying to do and saying in this last days generation. We need more preachers like her who can sense the direction of the wind of the Holy Spirit and begin to flow with that current. In that way I think we can save many souls. Especially, young men like me who are looking for life out there in the dark world. - *Eric Buri*



As for me, this Festival of Faith has changed me and really challenged my faith in God. Honestly, I'm really thankful and am glad that the messages that Pr. Williams shared are very inspiring. The messages have given me courage to stand for Jesus and also regarding certain things in Life.

If we could have another Festival in the coming future that would be very helpful. Finally, Thankyou PAU for the success of this week.

GOD BLESS PAU FAMILY - *Larisa*

The Lord has really blessed me through the Festival of Faith. I have been touched and strengthened in a very special way. Pr. William's song is my song too, for it's only those of us who have gone through such pain in life know what it is like to have had Christ heal us so lovingly. - *Anonymous*

I really enjoyed Pr William's preaching during the Festival of Faith especially, how

she captured the congregation's attention with her mode of story telling and her vibrant personality. I believe many found her stories that were in accordance with her message spiritually enlightening and intriguing. It was also amazing to witness her profound depth of knowledge in biblical matters during the chapel period, when she answered several questions from numerous students.

I believe the Seventh-day Adventist Church should start ordaining women pastors since heaven and the word of God is for all who love their Creator. - *Gabriella Evara*

The Festival of Faith to me was a spiritually boosting experience. It has motivated me and helped me understand where God rightfully belongs in my heart. He belongs above all activities in our lives. The messages by Pr. Williams have given me hope, peace, joy and anticipation of Jesus soon return. All praise to God for such people as Pr. Williams and messages that they have for people about God. - *Lee Thomas*

As I reflected on the Festival of Faith last week, I was reminded of, "God's Grace being sufficient for all", regardless of how deep into sin we think we have gone. God makes His face to shine on us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. God chooses us and will get us to where He knows where best to serve Him. Amen!

- *Beverly Kaleva*



Its was a blessing to see a pastor who is so hungry to read Gods word and finds happiness in sharing it with other people. She would rather spend the rest of her life preaching than taking holidays. She is a fulfilment of the promise in Matthew 5: 6 "blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled". She is filled, that is why she can share it any time, anywhere. If only our theology

students can have that kind of hunger for God's word, something would happen to this University, but it seems they hunger for something else and it can be seen in their very casual attitude toward spiritual things, but very active in worldly things. May we all learn something from her attitude towards God's word first and then God's work.- *Fred Malawae.*



Superb, understanding, intelligent, honest, humble, eloquent, motivating, thrilling, precise, concise, humor and inspiring! These are the words to describe her. Two thumbs up for Dr. Hyveth Williams because of God in her life!

All in one package: her ministry--her life and experience are a living proof of God's endless love and wonderful promises for those who think they can't make it in life's uncharted waters.

If men and women of today are too proud to be used by God with a consecrated heart and humility, God can use ordinary stones and pebbles to accomplish His task to a greater height and acclaim heavenward with highest degree! - *Roger R*

Personal Experience with the Lord

First of all, before the Festival of Faith, my spiritual life was very weak and it was just like a plant growing on the shallow soil, on top of the stone during the fine weather



where it was about to die. However, the message that I received since the first day of the week of Festival of Faith to the end was more than a Heaven's shower of Blessings that I needed. God's powerful messages that I received throughout the week were like mulching fertilizing soil and unceasing showers of rain to a weak plant. In addition, the powerful messages from God that I absorbed have really reactivated and energised my spiritual strength. Furthermore, the messages that I received fully revived and enriched my spiritual life and now I can feel that my roots are firmly rooted and grounded in Jesus. Finally, those powerful messages that I received throughout the week of Festival of Faith are really a blessing to me personally and I really praise and thank God for speaking to me through His servant, Pr. Hyveth Williams.- *Anonymous*

Empowered by the Holy Spirit with pinpointed accuracy alongside a wealth of fresh new insights that made the mind dumbfounded and challenged the contemporary worldviews and beliefs of our day. What more can we ask for than what we have heard. I am pleased with the message.

- *Anonymous*



"My spiritual life has been revived by the powerful and inspirational messages. Glory be to God for His servant Pr Hyveth Williams. God called and chose Pr Williams to share the everlasting gospel. That same calling is for each one of us in the fields He has called us to be in."- *Chucha Posman*

Had never seen a woman, who has been ordained as a pastor, with a powerful teaching and preaching ability in my entire life since I join the SDA church. I could say that she is humble in a sense that she wanted to be called "Pr" instead of "Dr." In other words, she comes down to our level rather than looking at people under her feet. Isn't that amazing? I believe she



is one of God's servants that can preach with compassion and love. As a Christian I like one particular statement that she left behind as a legacy: "Meet me", not "meet you in heaven." Most Christian always want to conclude their meeting with this statement if they are going to be separated for an indefinite time from their fellow members! Here Dr Hyveth Williams used this statement "meet me" not, "meet you in heaven" basically means she really wants us (God's children) to be there where she will unquestionably be! Isn't that wonderful? - *Tiaon Burete*

I just hope that the power of preaching and captivating messages continues to be maintained. I noticed too that there were more ordained pastors on this campus than anywhere else in the country, and yet they are not being adequately utilised for we would have powerful sermons that move and captivate people and bring them to fill up the church. A woman brought the whole campus to church for one whole week. If we had women preachers as well as men and young people, maybe the same effect could be created and maintained. My worry is that the magic of Dr Williams will be gone before we know it if we do not do things differently. - *Jenny Litau*

